

# ReNews - News You Can Reuse

## City of Chandler Solid Waste Services



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Solid Waste Services is proud to offer a newsletter to residents who receive City provided recycling and trash collection. Each quarter look for information about the services we provide, take the mystery out of recycling, and talk trash!

Get this newsletter each quarter, plus monthly tips right in your in-box. We'll even answer questions from residents just like you!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Backyard Compost  
Workshop](#)

**June 9-**  
City Hall

[Holiday Collection  
Schedule](#)

**Independence Day**  
**July 4**

No recycling and trash  
collection on  
Independence Day.  
If your regular collection  
day is Wednesday,  
place your container at  
the curb Thursday by 6  
a.m.

### Reduce



Precycling is the practice of reducing waste by not bringing home items that generate waste. Want to know how to do that? It's easy! Take reusable bags to the store, choose items that can be refilled or with a longer shelf life than single use items, and buy in bulk. You not only reduce unnecessary packaging, which is not recyclable, but you save money. Look for products with the least amount of packaging or none at all. If the product comes in a container, make sure the container is accepted in Chandler's recycling program. If you already practice precycling, great job! Share what you know with others.

Thursday collection rolls to Friday, Friday collection rolls to Saturday.

[Recycling Solid Waste Collection Center](#)

CLOSED

Reopens Thursday, July 5.

**Labor Day  
September 3**

No change in recycling and trash collection.

[Recycling Solid Waste Collection Center](#)

CLOSED

Reopens Thursday, Sept. 6

### Glad You Asked...



**Why can't I place Styrofoam in the blue can? It has the recycle symbol on it.**

Even though Styrofoam and other polystyrene products are marked recyclable, they aren't accepted in Chandler's curbside recycling program. Unfortunately, there's no local market for Styrofoam that has been mixed in with other recyclables and is not

## Reuse

Reuse is a kind way to recycle.

Now is a great time to clean out drawers, closets, and the garage. Many local charities accept gently used clothing, toys, household items and leftover materials from home improvement projects. Local non-profits use donations to sustain job training and self-sufficiency programs for people with disabilities and families in need. [Click here for a list of local charitable organizations that will pick up items at your home.](#)



## Recycle

**Go Green, Think Blue**

**Recycle These Items in the Blue Can :**

- Paper
- Cardboard Boxes
- Aluminum Cans, Foil, and Pie Tins
- Steel/Tin Cans & Aerosol Cans
- Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Containers (Recycle symbol #1-#6) **No Styrofoam, Plastic Bags, or Plastic Wrap**
- Glass Jars & Bottles from food or beverages



**For more information on recycling in the blue can, [click here.](#)**

clean and dry.

Throw food, beverage and other Styrofoam containers in with your trash. To reduce waste avoid purchasing these types of containers when possible.

Some local companies, such as UPS stores, accept clean packing peanuts. [Earth Friendly Block](#) in Tempe accepts clean polystyrene that protect appliances, TVs, and furniture. Since storage space is limited it's recommended to call and check if they accept the material.

### **What about plastic bags and plastic wrap?**

Like other Valley cities, Chandler's recycling programs do not accept plastic bags or plastic shrink wrap. Plastic film gets caught in the sorting equipment causing expensive break downs and puts workers at risk of injury. Also, many bags in the City's recycling bins contain trash, making the bags unmarketable. Stores in Chandler that offer plastic bag recycling. Many grocers and retailers have plastic bag recycling bins near the store entrances or checkout area. For a complete list of local stores and the type of plastic bags and wrap they accept click on the link for [Bag Central Station](#). Plastic bags

## **Focus On... PAPER**



Did you know that 15% of Chandler's residential trash contains recycled paper? Years ago some paper was difficult to recycle and was not accepted in curbside programs. Times have changed! There are many misconceptions about what paper can or can't be recycled. We're here to set the record straight.

### **Recycle In Your Blue Can:**

- Shredded paper secured in clear/white bags (the only plastic bags acceptable in your blue recycling bin)
- Newspapers, including glossy inserts\*
- Magazines and catalogs\*
- Phone books
- Paperback books
- Post it notes
- Printing paper, school paper, construction paper
- Paper bags
- Envelopes (even ones with plastic windows are ok)

\* If these items are delivered to your home in a plastic bag, please recycle the bags at your local grocer, not in your blue recycling bin.

### **DO NOT Place These Paper Items in Your Blue Can:**

- Hardbound books (sell or donate instead)
- Laminated paper
- Unbagged shredded paper
- Paper cups
- Paper towels, napkins, bathroom or facial tissue
- Q-tips, cotton balls, or other hygiene paper products
- Gift wrap or tissue paper

are an excellent means for securing wet and perishable household trash before throwing it into trash containers. Bags can also be dropped off at local parks. [Dog Waste Stations & Plastic Bag Recycling Program](#)

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## Talking Trash

If residents throw recyclables in their black trash cans, costs rise unnecessarily. That's because the City must pay \$40 for every ton of residential trash delivered to the Butterfield Landfill in Mobile, Arizona.



Chandler receives \$25.50 for every ton of recyclable material delivered to our recycling contractor. (If commodity prices increase the City earns even more.) More revenue is earned from cardboard, metal, and electronics picked up through recycle bulks or dropped off at the Recycling-

Solid Waste Collection Center.

Putting recyclable items in the trash instead of the recycle bin is literally throwing money away. However, recycling right creates revenue that offsets the cost of trash disposal and helps keep monthly rates low. Now that is going green!

## How to Handle HHW (Household Hazardous Waste)

Not sure what to do with all the old paint and chemicals in your garage or storage shed? Make a list of what you need to bring in and call 480-782-3510 to schedule your appointment. When you arrive at the HHW Collection Facility for your appointment our trained staff removes the items from your vehicle in less than 5 minutes and off you go to enjoy the rest of your day! Then our specially trained team will sort your household hazardous waste and prepare each item for safe disposal or recycling. For a complete list of items accepted and not accepted [click here](#).



### [Chandler's City Council](#)

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Vice Mayor Jeff Weninger

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Councilmember Kevin Hartke

Councilmember Rick Heumann

Councilmember Matt Orlando

Councilmember Jack Sellers



### **We're Listening**

It is our pleasure to serve Chandler residents. We appreciate comments, questions, praise or other feedback that will help us serve you better.

Email us at:

[solidwaste.customerservice@chandleraz.gov](mailto:solidwaste.customerservice@chandleraz.gov) \*

If immediate attention is required, you'd would like to schedule a service, or to speak with a customer service representative, call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510  
Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM.

*\*Please note that services cannot be scheduled via email.*

**Free**

Residents who bring this coupon to a compost workshop listed in this newsletter receive a FREE gift. Limit one per household.

**Offer Expires: Expires June 9, 2012**

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